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To Whom It May Concern:

I write regarding docket number 98P-0151/CP1, about Downed animals.

Animals that cannot stand or walk because they are too sick or weak from disease or injuries should not be slaughtered for food. This is inhumane and possibly dangerous. These animals are at risk of contaminating humans and other animals with bacteria and may even contain a form of BSE, or mad cow disease, which is transmittable to humans. These animals are also treated very cruelly when they are dragged by chains or shoved with a tractor bucket to slaughter. If these animals are not accepted into the market, the handlers might be more careful to see that the animals avoid injury or disease, if only for their own bottom line.

Sincerely,



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